

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4633
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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
Satheedevi Smt. P.

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Women Commission is having any system of monitoring the functioning of State Level Women Commissions;
- (b) whether the Chairperson of the State Women Commission is given Constitutional status of Cabinet Minister;
- (c) whether there is uniformity in the method of functioning of State Women Commissions;
- (d) the total number of cases pending before the National Commission for Women at present; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to provide a penal provision in the Women Commission Act against the persons abstaining from attending before the Commission even after receiving the Summons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

- (a) The State Level Women Commissions are independent bodies of the respective State Governments. The National Commission for Women (NCW) does not have any control over them.
- (b) The State Level Women Commissions come within the purview of the respective State Governments. Department of Women and Child Development does not maintain information regarding the status accorded to the Chairpersons of State Women Commissions by the State Governments.
- (c) The State Women Commissions have been constituted under the laws framed by the respective State Governments. The statutes differ from State to State.
- (d) NCW has informed that it has taken cognizance on all complaints but there are cases in which reports from the organizations concerned are awaited. The number of such complaints pending before the Commission since 1st January, 2002 to 31st March, 2005 is 8776.
- (e) Amendments in the National Commission for Women Act, 1990 covering this aspect also have been under the consideration of the Government.